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**From:** Alexander, Laurie  
**Sent:** Friday, June 07, 2013 9:15 PM  
**To:** Fertik, Rachel  
**Subject:** RE: Draft charge questions for WoUS SAB

That's a good idea, Rachel (progress since 2001, 2006). Yes, I'll call you after our 11 am call on Monday with any updates. I'll do a quick read of your edits so far before hand.

Thanks for putting such good thinking into this !

Talk to you next week – have a wonderful weekend,  
Laurie

Ps really missed you at SWS

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**From:** Fertik, Rachel  
**Sent:** Friday, June 07, 2013 6:03 PM  
**To:** Alexander, Laurie  
**Subject:** RE: Draft charge questions for WoUS SAB

Thanks, Laurie.

Here is my **\*no joke\*** in-progress files. I've moved text around and so there are some bad transitions, etc. Please don't put any time into this as I'm still working on it – just let me know what your deadline is so that I can work to meet it. I also edited/used stuff from the intro to the charge questions, so it's fairly short now. (b)(5)

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Cheers,  
Rachel

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**From:** Alexander, Laurie  
**Sent:** Friday, June 07, 2013 7:18 AM  
**To:** Fertik, Rachel  
**Subject:** RE: Draft charge questions for WoUS SAB

Thanks for letting me know, Rachel. I'm not sure about schedule, but we have a meeting with the SAB (called by Tom) on Monday so I may learn more then. Anyway, having this done today is NOT necessary.

The wetlands meeting was great.

(b)(5)

I am back to thinking about diagrams...

Yes, it makes sense to clear it through your chain first, especially if it will be a separate background document. Before it goes up, we should talk about what information goes into each document (background vs. charge questions)

Kickoff meeting at SESYNC today – exciting! Also, I will check with Heather and Chuck and invitation to the our Corps contact for the Jones Center meeting. Thanks again to you and Russ for following through on that.

Last but far from least, hope you are well.  
Laurie

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**From:** Fertik, Rachel  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 05, 2013 1:21 PM  
**To:** Alexander, Laurie  
**Subject:** RE: Draft charge questions for WoUS SAB

Hi Laurie,  
I just wanted to let you know that I'm working on this. I think your idea for a separate background paper is a good one. What is your next deadline for it?

As for process, what were you thinking? One option is for me to have it reviewed up to and including the Office level – Denise – and then send it to you to work up your chain. I think the expectation will be that when it reaches the Nancy/Glen level, we will have already reviewed it up both chains. Thoughts?

- Rachel

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**From:** Alexander, Laurie  
**Sent:** Friday, May 31, 2013 5:20 PM  
**To:** Fertik, Rachel  
**Subject:** RE: Draft charge questions for WoUS SAB

Hi Rachel,

I appreciate the fact that you are putting such thought into this, and welcome your comments and suggestions. I struggled with it and expected lots of revisions. It's fine for you to revise before we send it up/out. My goal was to keep the panel on track, so that's all that matters. I'm not committed to this text or approach.

As I read your email, one thought I had was that maybe OW should write a separate background 1-2 pager? That would be in keeping with what I've seen in other TSDs (straightforward association of science support and rule).

There aren't any perfect solutions here. We'll have to work it out.

Thank you!

Laurie

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**From:** Fertik, Rachel

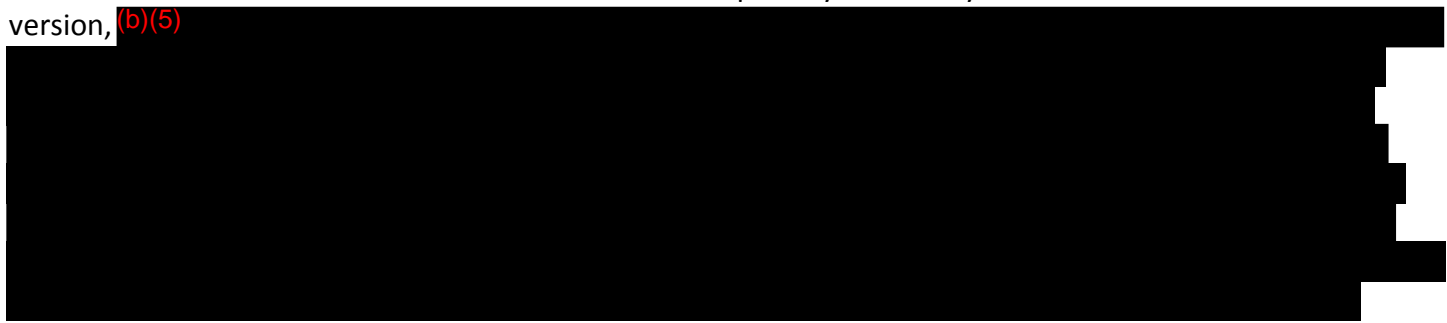
**Sent:** Friday, May 31, 2013 5:08 PM

**To:** Alexander, Laurie

**Subject:** RE: Draft charge questions for WoUS SAB

Hi Laurie -

I have read the Background and charge questions and started making comments. There is a lot of good information in the document to work with. I think I will probably have fairly substantial comments on this version, (b)(5)



If you feel strongly that they should stay woven together, I can put it in front of my direct management and get their reaction (without asking them to edit).

Sorry to be a Debbie Downer, but I think this is what we will be asked to do...

Would you prefer to work on separating the sci/policy and then have my edits on that next version or would you prefer for me to take a crack at doing that to this version?

I'm out Monday but will pick this up on Tuesday AM.

Hope you have a great weekend!

Cheers,

Rachel

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**From:** Alexander, Laurie

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 29, 2013 3:27 PM

**To:** Fertik, Rachel; Frithsen, Jeff

**Cc:** Schofield, Kate; Ridley, Caroline; LeDuc, Stephen

**Subject:** Draft charge questions for WoUS SAB

Hello All,

I've attached a first draft of the charge to reviewers for the WoUS SAB. Most of the effort went into revising the background to explain the purpose, scope and structure of the report. The charge questions themselves (3) are very simple. The charge questions for the first peer review panel are also attached for reference.

Have a look, tell me what you think. All comments are welcome. Remember that the goal is to keep the panel on-topic, and to determine if our major conclusions are supported or not.

We're trying to deliver the charge to the SAB within the next two weeks. If you can get comments back to me by Friday, that would be great! If not, get them to me when you can.

Thanks,  
Laurie

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